

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

July 1, 2021

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

We write to express our support for the North Dakota Department of Transportation's (NDDOT) 2021 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant application for ND's Transportation Management Center (TMC) and Smart Corridor (SC) Planning Project. Thank you for your consideration.

Under this project, NDDOT would plan the development of a statewide, innovative TMC in North Dakota that incorporates a Smart Corridor along I-29, with the goal of better managing the state's network of Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) devices and sensors, expanding roadway monitoring and condition reporting to a 24/7/365 schedule, and streamlining the deployment of advanced technologies. Once constructed, the TMC would direct traffic flows on the safest and most efficient routes in the case of: serious weather conditions, anticipated high traffic events, work zones, construction projects, and emergency evacuations.

North Dakota's economy and population have maintained a significant rate of growth for more than ten years, placing an unprecedented burden on our state's infrastructure, including the State Highway System. A planning grant to expand transportation management for a growing population and its corresponding freight needs is critical for the continued safe movement of goods and people in our state, consistent with the Rural Opportunities to Use Transportation for Economic Success (ROUTES) initiative. Moreover, this project would address safety concerns in our state, particularly those located in the two large metro areas along the I-29 corridor.

Accordingly, we hope the NDDOT's application for ND's TMC and SC Planning Project receives your favorable consideration, and that all of North Dakota's applications receive your full and fair consideration. Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please keep us informed of the review process, and feel free to contact us with any updates or inquiries you may have.

Sincerely,



John Hoeven
U.S. Senator



Kevin Cramer
U.S. Senator



Kelly Armstrong
U.S. Congressman

C: William T. Panos, Director, NDDOT